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tion fee the individual pays on his business or pleasure car, and the farmer, merchant or contractor pays on his truck, and in addition they escape the weight tax on their busses and trucks. Net collections from these registration fees are now equally divided between the state and the counties for highway purposes. These bus and truck owners want to be relieved from contributing to that fund although because of weight, speed and frequency of operation their use of our highways is by far the greatest single cause of wear and tear of the roadway.

The amendment will also deprive cities of

their present power to impose license taxes on the motor carriers business.

This measure will, if adopted, very largely decrease present payments by these private interests for public and particularly highway purposes, and I regard it as unfair to our cities and counties and to the general taxpayer as well as other users of auto trucks and automobiles.

The vote on this amendment should be NO.

WALTER H. DUVAL,
Assemblyman Sixtieth District.

SALARIES AND EXPENSE OF LEGISLATURE. Senate Constitutional Amendment 23. Amends Sections 23 and 23a of Article IV of Constitution. Declares members of Legislature shall receive one hundred dollars per month payable monthly in even numbered years, and during regular session as may be provided by law, and mileage not exceeding five cents per mile; Legislature to provide for selection of all officers and employees and, when advisable, under civil service, limiting total daily expense thereof to three hundred dollars for either house during regular session, and two hundred dollars for both houses during special session.

YES

NO

(For full text of Amendment see page 2, Part II.)

Argument in Favor of Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 23.

This proposed amendment makes the following changes:

It eliminates the allowance of \$25 for each of 120 members for contingent expenses;

It reduces the mileage from ten cents per mile to five cents per mile;

It reduces the allowance for officers, employees and attaches, at regular sessions, from \$500 per day for each house to \$300 per day for each house;

It reduces the allowance for such employees, at special sessions, from \$200 per day for each house to \$200 per day for both houses;

It eliminates the pay of \$10 per day for each member of the legislature in attending special or extraordinary sessions;

It changes the compensation of members from \$1,000 for each regular session to the sum of \$100 per month for each month of the term for which the member is elected;

It provides that the compensation shall be paid monthly in the even-numbered years, and shall be paid during the period of the session when the members are at Sacramento during the odd-numbered years.

The purpose of this amendment is to effect such saving as possible in the expenses of the legislature by cutting down these expenses to the minimum on which the legislature can operate efficiently and properly, and at the same time to increase the compensa-

tion of the members so as to more adequately compensate them for their living expenses and their loss in business entailed during the session.

It is in the interest of good government that legislators shall not be compelled to sustain financial loss while they are compelled to be away from home in the service of their constituents. Legislators should not be subjected to accepting the social favors, offers of employment, tips on business investments or other compromising efforts from lobbyists to place them under obligations to wealthy special interests that prevent them from faithfully or honestly representing their constituents.

The state can make no wiser investment than making sure that its legislators are paid by the state and not by private interests.

This amendment is an effort in good faith to promote decency in government, to cut down expenses where they can properly be reduced, and to pay a reasonable salary where the need of adequate payment is evident to prevent the temptation of public officials whose expenses of office are not met by their present compensation.

Vote "Yes" on this amendment.

WALTER A. McDONALD,
State Senator Twenty-third District.

HARRY A. CHAMBERLIN,
State Senator Thirty-first District.

SALARIES AND EXPENSE OF LEGISLATURE. Senate Constitutional Amendment 23. Amends Sections 23 and 23a of Article IV of Constitution. Declares members of Legislature shall receive one hundred dollars per month payable monthly in even numbered years, and during regular session as may be provided by law, and mileage not exceeding five cents per mile; Legislature to provide for selection of all officers and employees and, when advisable, under civil service, limiting total daily expense thereof to three hundred dollars for either house during regular session, and two hundred dollars for both houses during special session.

YES

NO

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 23—A resolution proposing to the people of the State of California an amendment to sections twenty-three and twenty-three a of article four of the constitution of the State of California, relating to compensation of members of the legislature.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the State of California at its regular session commencing on the eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said legislature voting therefor hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the constitution of said state be amended by amending section twenty-three of article four to read as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

(Proposed changes in provisions are printed in black-faced type.)

Sec. 23. The members of the legislature shall receive for their services the sum of one hundred dollars each for each regular session, to be paid at such times during the session as may be provided by law, and the sum of ten dollars each for each day while in attendance at a special or extraordinary session, for a number of days not exceeding thirty; and mileage to be fixed by law, all paid out of the state treasury; such mileage shall not exceed ten cents per mile; and each member shall be allowed contingent expenses not exceeding twenty-five dollars per member for each regular biennial session. The legislature may also provide for additional help; but in no case shall the total expense for officers, employees and attaches exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per day for either house, at any regular or biennial session, nor the sum of two hundred dollars per day for either house at any special or extraordinary session, nor shall the pay of any officer, employee or attache be increased after he is elected or appointed.

Sec. 23a. The legislature may provide for the employment of help; but in no case shall the total expense for officers, employees and attaches exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per day for either house, at any regular or biennial session, nor the sum of two hundred dollars per day for either house at any special or extraordinary session, nor shall the pay of any officer, employee or attache be increased after he is elected or appointed.

selected or appointed. The legislature shall provide for the selection of all officers, employees and attaches of both houses and so far as advisable shall require such selection to be under the provisions of the law governing civil service.

EXISTING PROVISIONS.

(Provisions proposed to be repealed are printed in italics.)

Sec. 23. The members of the legislature shall receive for their services the sum of one thousand dollars each for each regular session, to be paid at such times during the session as may be provided by law, and the sum of ten dollars each for each day while in attendance at a special or extraordinary session, for a number of days not exceeding thirty; and mileage to be fixed by law, all paid out of the state treasury; such mileage shall not exceed ten cents per mile; and each member shall be allowed contingent expenses not exceeding twenty-five dollars per member for each regular biennial session. The legislature may also provide for additional help; but in no case shall the total expense for officers, employees and attaches exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per day for either house, at any regular or biennial session, nor the sum of two hundred dollars per day for either house at any special or extraordinary session, nor shall the pay of any officer, employee or attache be increased after he is elected or appointed.

Sec. 23a. The legislature may also provide for the employment of help; but in no case shall the total expense for officers, employees and attaches exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per day for either house, at any regular or biennial session, nor the sum of two hundred dollars per day for either house at any special or extraordinary session, nor shall the pay of any officer, employee or attache be increased after he is elected or appointed.

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEYS. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 46. Amends Section 16½ of Article XI of Constitution by extending to any political subdivision, the provisions permitting the deposit in banks of this state of moneys belonging to or in the custody of the state of any political subdivision.

YES

NO

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 46—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the constitution of said state by amending section sixteen one-half of article eleven therein, relating to deposits of public moneys.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the State of California, at its forty-fifth session commencing on the eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said legislature voting in favor thereof, proposes to amend section sixteen one-half of article eleven of the constitution to read as follows:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

(Proposed changes in provisions are printed in black-faced type.)

Sec. 16½. All moneys belonging to, or in the custody of, the state, or any county, city and county, city, town, municipality or other political subdivision, within this state may be deposited in any national bank or banks within this state, or in any bank or banks organized under the laws of this state, in such manner and under such conditions as may be provided by any law adopted by the people under the initiative or by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature and approved by the governor and subject to the referendum; provided, that the laws now governing the deposit of such moneys shall continue in force until such laws shall be